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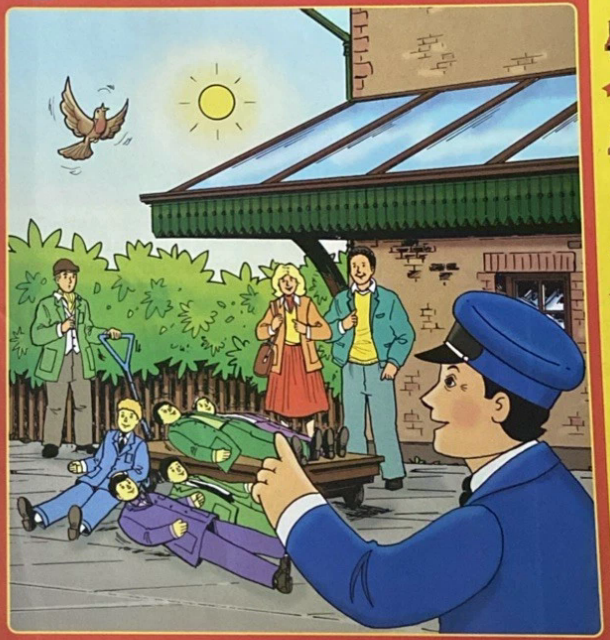
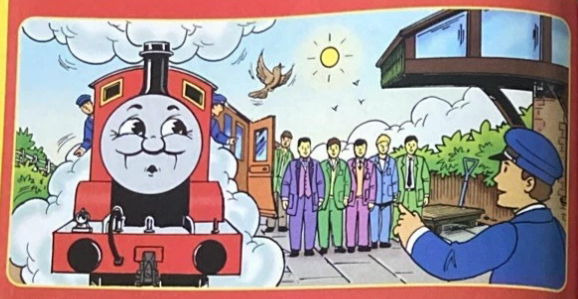
James' Dummy Run



1. One morning at Wellsworth, the porter saw a man pulling the station trolley loaded with people. "That's not for passengers!" he called, "it's for luggage!"

2. The man stopped and explained, "This IS luggage, these are shop dummies, to be delivered to clothes shops! My lorry has broken down, you see!"



3. The porter laughed, "They look real enough to me!" Then he helped the man to line up the dummies near the edge of the platform to wait for the next train.

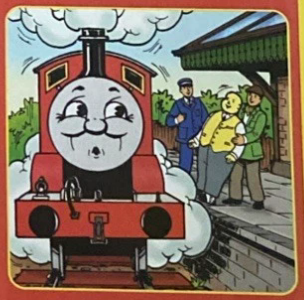
4. Just then, James pulled in. The man went to open a carriage but the dummies didn't move. James called impatiently, "Come on, all aboard, you scarecrows!"

5. The man grinned, "How dare you, they're not scarecrows, they're shopwindow dummies!" James' driver joined in, "So that's why they're so well dressed!"

6. A boy shook hands with a dummy. "How do you do!" he grinned. The dummy's arm came off and the boy's father joked, "Only a bit of 'armless fun!"

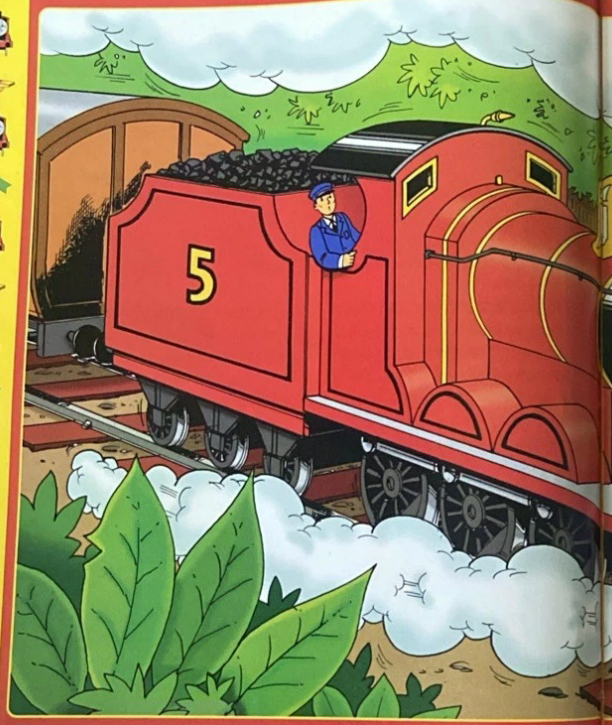
7. Then a ticket inspector shouted, "Tickets please!" The man replied, "I was told the dummies take up as much space as real people, so I've paid for all of them!"

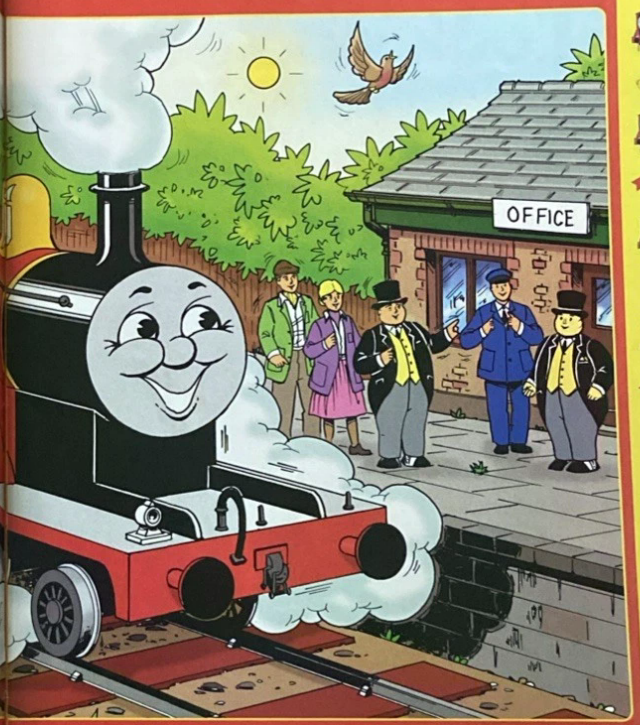
8. At the next stop, the man hurried over the footbridge with a dummy under each arm. Halfway over, the legs of a dummy fell off and landed in James' tender!



9. Everyone looked in amazement at the legs sticking out of the coal! James' fireman rescued them. "Thanks for the entertainment!" he grinned.

10. By midday, there was one big dummy left. The man carried it out of the carriage and James exclaimed, "That one looks like The Fat Controller!"





11. Of course, The Fat Controller had been waiting for it, "I'm glad you think so, James!" he said with a wink to the man, because that's just what I ordered.

12. Then he took the dummy into his office and put on a jacket and hat so it looked like himself. He brought it onto the platform. James was impressed!

13. "Two Fat Controllers! But why?" he puffed. The Fat Controller grinned, "Whenever I have a day off, he will be here to keep an eye on things!"

14. He added, "From a distance, no-one will know it's not me!" James' driver laughed, "That's a brilliant idea, The Fat Controller is no dummy, that's for sure!"

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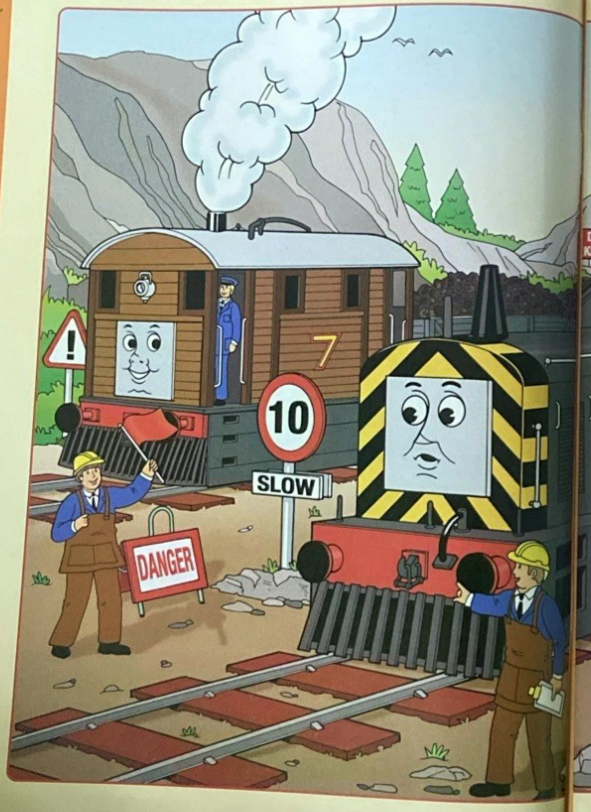
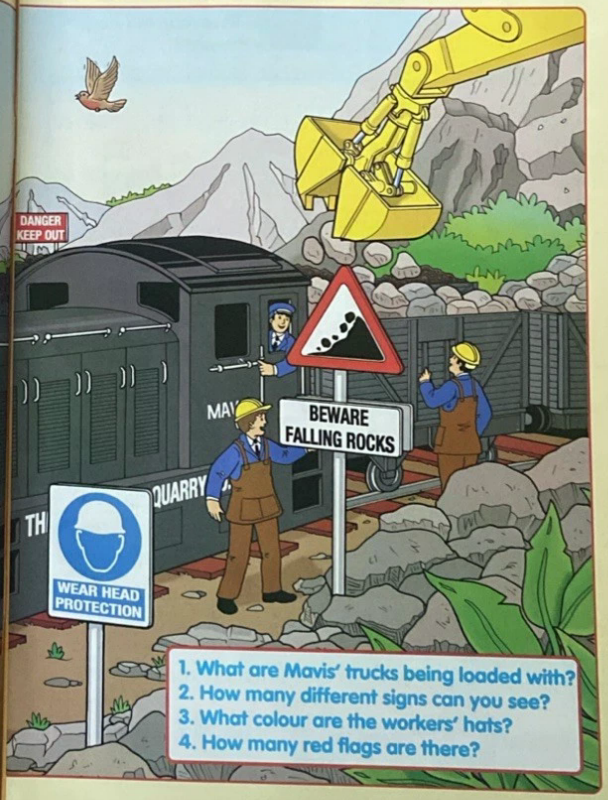
Look and See!



Mavis and Toby are working in the quarry. Look at the picture, what can you see?



1. What are Mavis' trucks being loaded with?
2. How many different signs can you see?
3. What colour are the workers' hats?
4. How many red flags are there?

answers: 1. rocks 2. six 3. yellow 4. one

Rusty's rebus story

Who's Cuckoo?

Trace over the words below. Then read the story, when you see a picture say the word!

The words made into pictures are...

sun

Thomas

clouds

cow

sheep

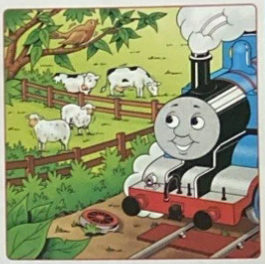
field

bird

tree

"The is very bright today," thought Thomas as he rode through the countryside. "There are almost no in the sky." was so happy, he went "Peep, peep!" and the sound surprised a and a in the . They did not run away though, because Thomas was their friend. Then heard a strange sound. "Cuckoo!" What could have made that noise? "Was that you, Mister ?" asked . "Certainly not," said the

sheep. We go "Baa" not Cuckoo!" Was it you, Miss ?" asked Thomas. "Don't be silly," replied the cow. "We go "Moo" not Cuckoo!" she said. Then heard the sound again. "Cuckoo! Cuckoo! Cuckoo!" "It's coming from that !" said . They looked up and saw a in the tree. "Was that you?" asked . "Of course," replied the . "I thought the only noise a bird made was "tweet tweet"!" said the sheep. "That depends on the type of ," said the . "I am a Cuckoo, so I go "Cuckoo!" you see." Just then, another bird flew down from the and joined the Cuckoo in the . It was a Robin. "Does that mean a Robin will say, "Robin Robin" instead of "tweet tweet"?" joked Thomas. "I'm afraid not," laughed the Robin, and , the , and the and the Cuckoo all laughed as well.



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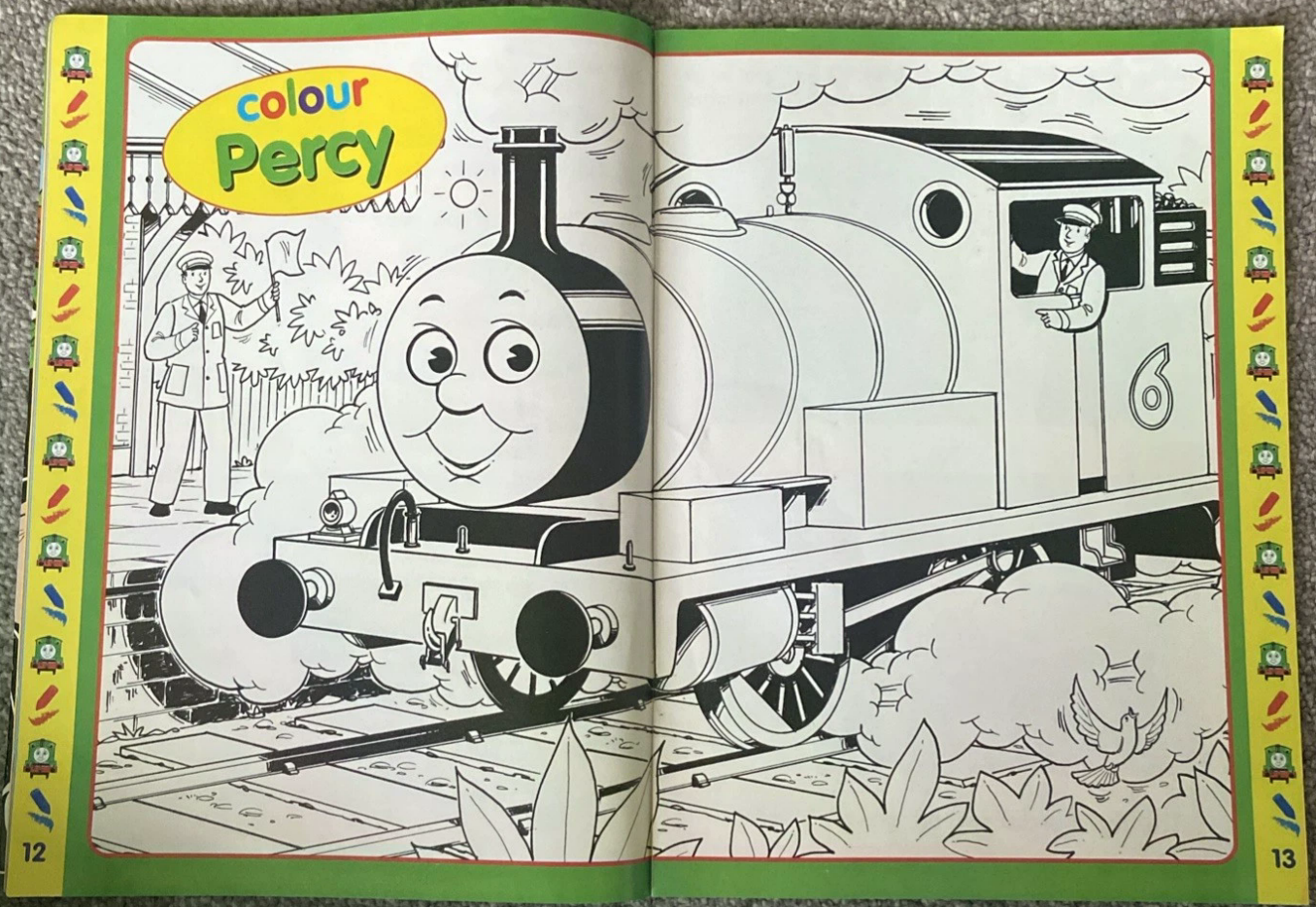
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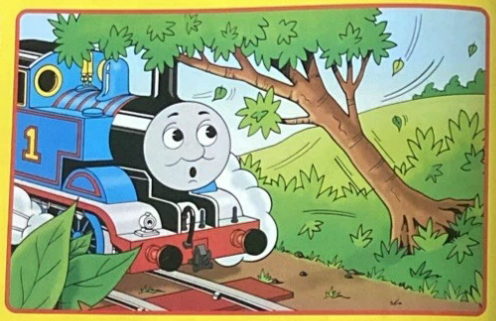

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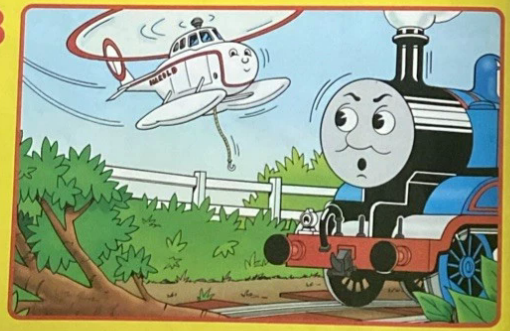

The right order is ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

answer: 4,1,3,2

Write the numbers of these pictures below to show which order they should go in. Then tell the story yourself.

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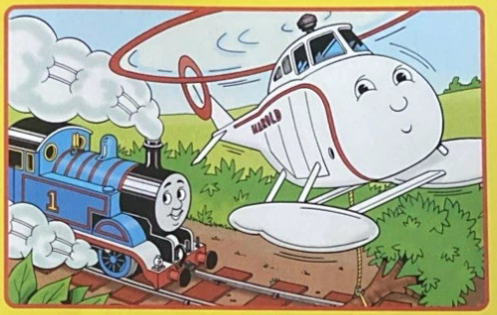

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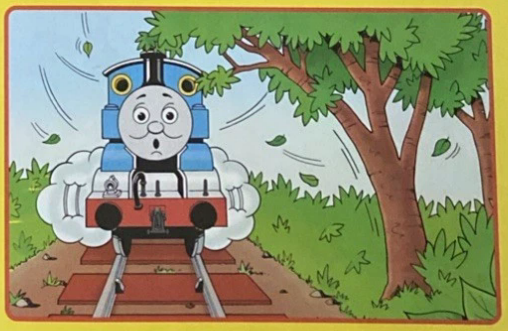
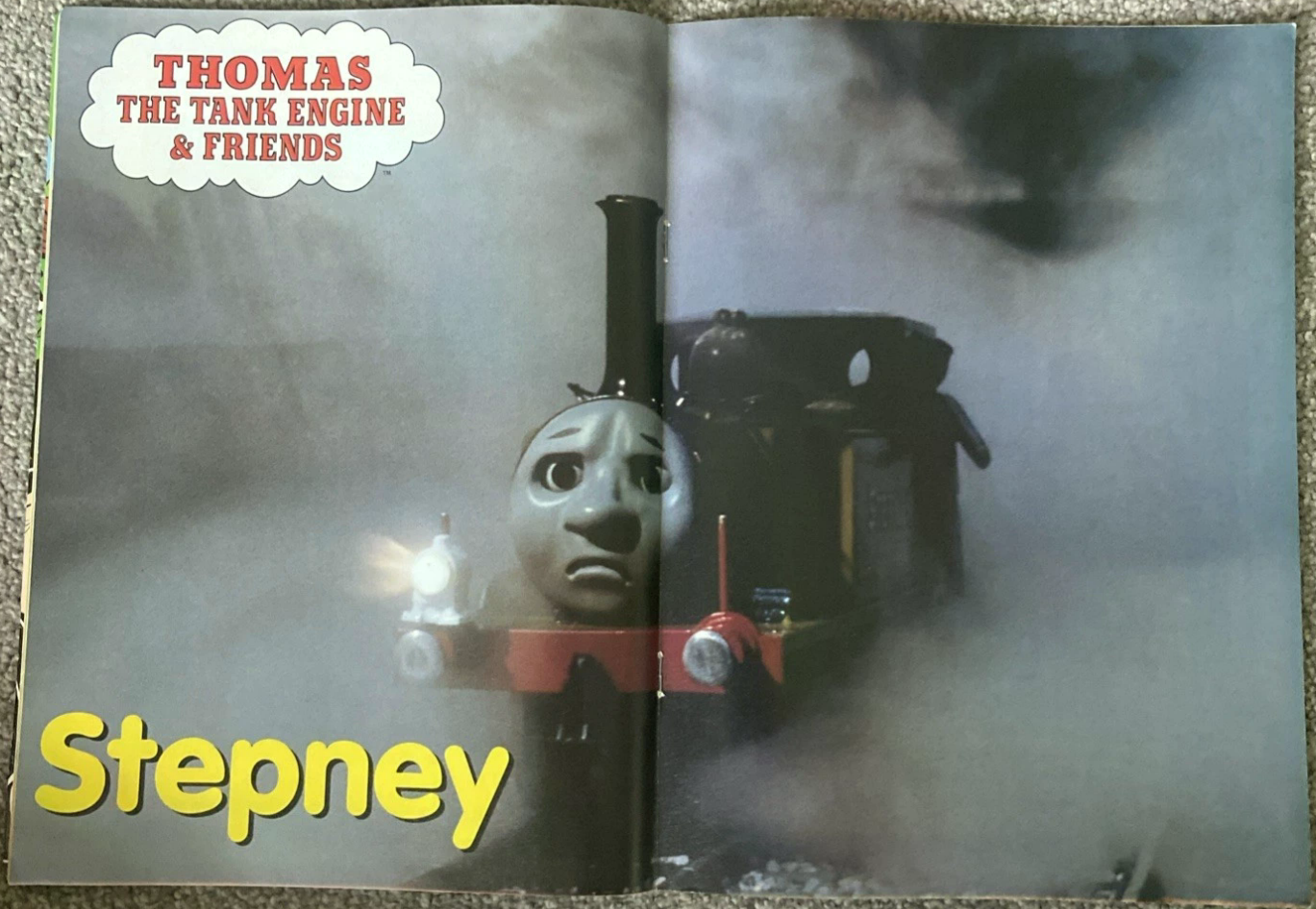


Who is moving the tree off the tracks?

answer: Harold the helicopter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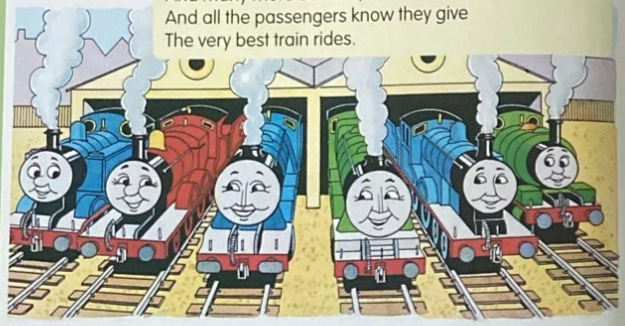
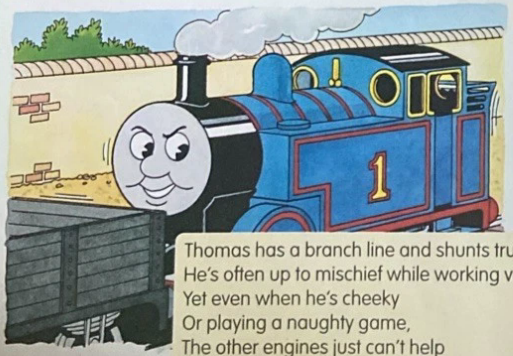
Thomas' rhyme time!

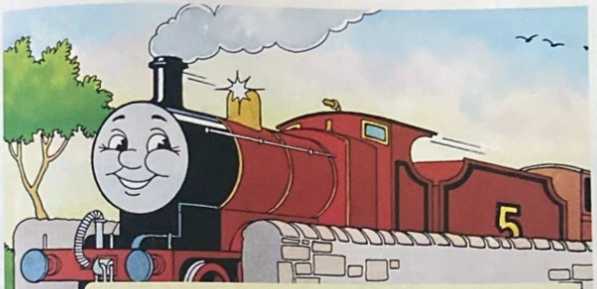
The Engines Live on Sodor

The engines live on Sodor, an island in the sea.
There's Thomas, James and Gordon, Edward and Percy.
Not forgetting Henry
And many more besides,
And all the passengers know they give
The very best train rides.

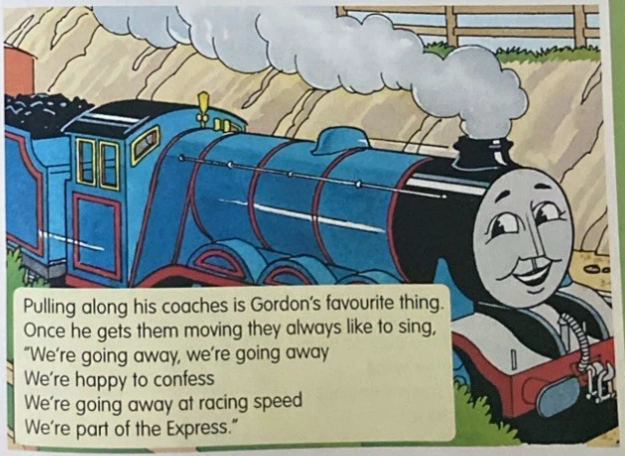




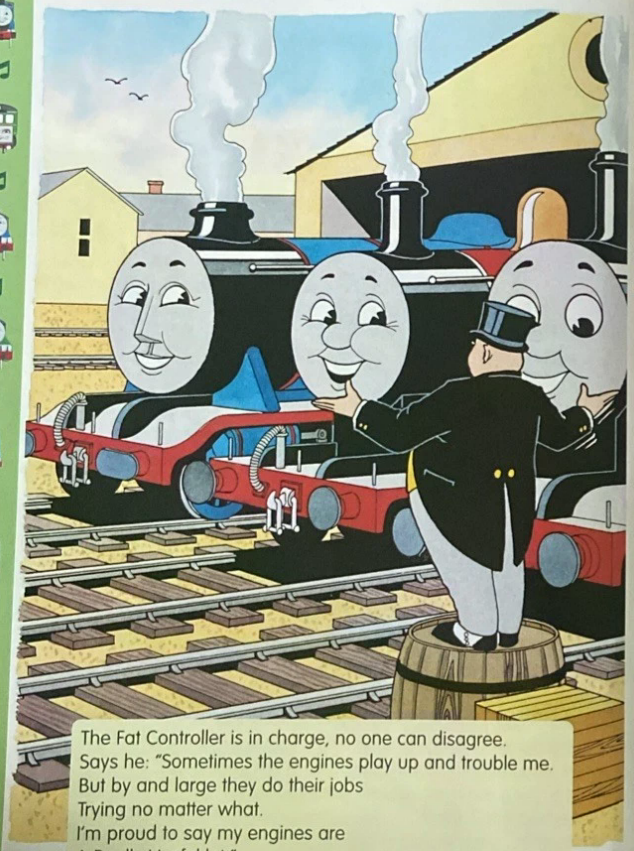
Thomas has a branch line and shunts trucks in the yard.
He's often up to mischief while working very hard.
Yet even when he's cheeky
Or playing a naughty game,
The other engines just can't help
But love him all the same.



There's a boastful tender engine, he's the one called James.
People like his bright red paint, so he always claims.
He hates to get too messy,
Covered in soot and grime
So the rest say he looks just fine
When it happens from time to time.



Pulling along his coaches is Gordon's favourite thing.
Once he gets them moving they always like to sing,
"We're going away, we're going away
We're happy to confess
We're going away at racing speed
We're part of the Express."

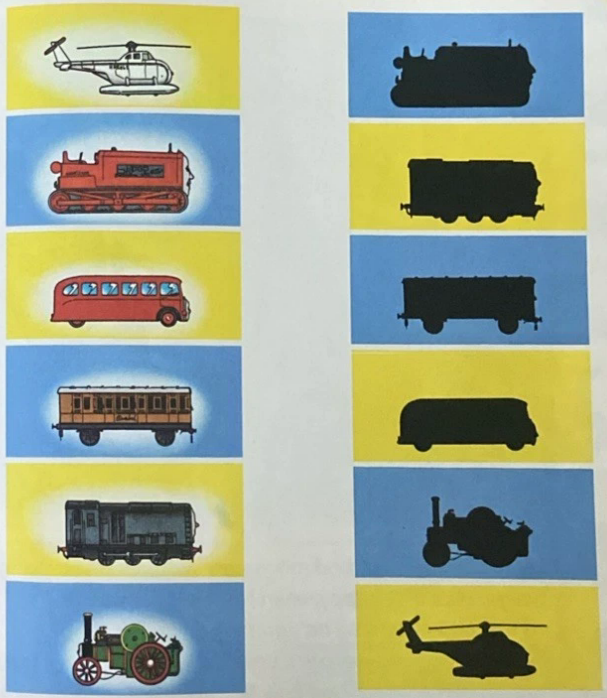


The Fat Controller is in charge, no one can disagree.
Says he: "Sometimes the engines play up and trouble me.
But by and large they do their jobs
Trying no matter what.
I'm proud to say my engines are
A Really Useful lot."

The End

Shadowy Shapes

Draw a line between the shadow and the thing that it belongs to.
Can you name all of the characters on this page?

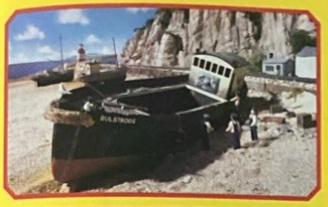


Answers: Harold, Terence, Bertie, Clarabel, Diesel and Trevor.

All about

Bulstrode is an old, bad mannered, motorised sea going barge. He's only happy when he's chugging around with a full load otherwise he's grumpy and rude. Percy and some Trucks, who were fed up with all his moaning, soon taught him a lesson and now Bulstrode is stranded on a Sodor beach and children love to play on him.

Bulstrode



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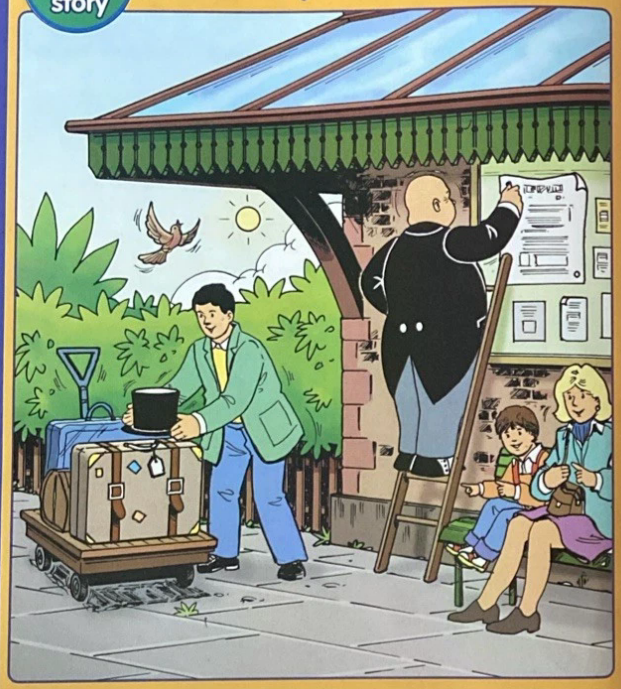
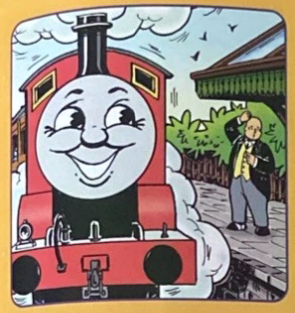
Percy's bedtime story

Sir Topham's Hat



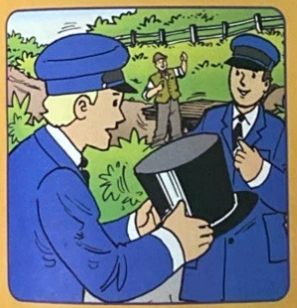
1. One morning, The Fat Controller was up a ladder pinning up a notice. His hat knocked against the station roof so he put it on a bench to keep it out of the way.

2. Just then a family came to sit down. "I'll just move this hat, then we can all sit down!" said the father, and he placed it on a trolley next to a pile of cases.



3. James steamed in and a porter loaded the trolley goods onto the train. James pulled away and The Fat Controller wondered, "Where's my hat? I'm sure I left it here!"

4. On the train, a man picked up the hat. "This isn't mine! What's it doing with my luggage?" he exclaimed. "That's Sir Topham's hat!" said the ticket inspector.



5. At the next station, he handed it to the stationmaster. Farmer Collett was there to pick up horse feed. "I'm going into town next, I'll take it!" he offered.

6. Just then, a man on a forklift truck lowered a pallet of horse feed. "Stop! That's Sir Topham's hat you're about to squash!" shouted the farmer.

7. "The hat will be safer on my head!" grinned the farmer. Then a strong gust of wind blew and a swaying branch knocked The Fat Controller's hat off!

8. It landed on the road as George was coming the other way. "Look out! That's Sir Topham's hat!" cried the farmer. The hat rolled and George just missed it!

9. Bertie the bus was just behind and saw what happened. His driver laughed, "Give the hat to me, Mr. Collett, I'll be in town long before you and your old horses!"

10. On the way, Bertie stopped at the harbour. His driver put the hat on a mooring post and watched the ferry leave. Suddenly, the hat was blown off the quay.

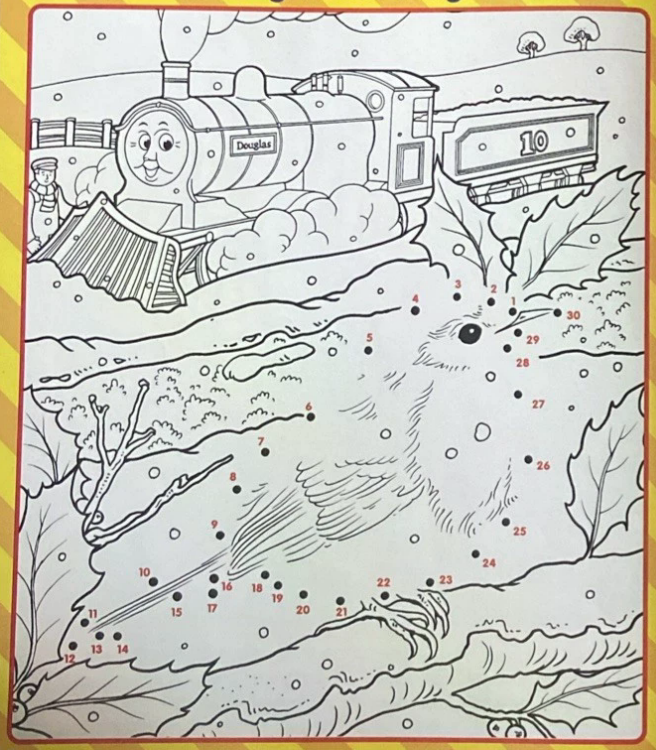
11. One of the crew from the ferry saved it from the sea! The captain said, "I'll return it later!" Later on, he placed the hat on the bench outside The Fat Controller's office.

12. When The Fat Controller left his office for the evening he said, "My hat is just where I left it this morning! And to think, anything could have happened to it!"

The End

Dot to Dot!

What does Douglas see sitting in the tree?



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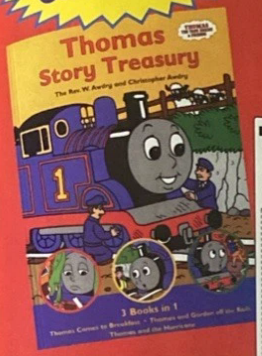

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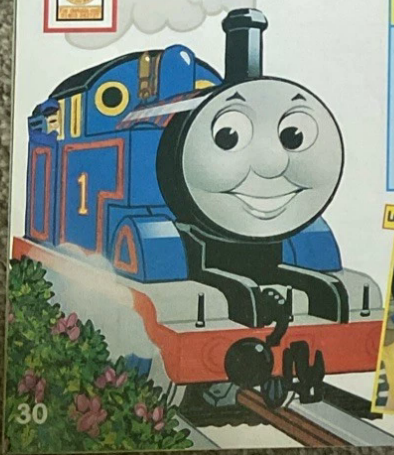
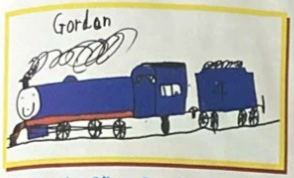


Lucas Donohue, aged 1.

Robbie Watt, aged 4.



Gordon by Oliver Genders, aged 7.

Harold by Matthew Bell.

Thomas by Richard Bradshaw, aged 9

Anyone who has a drawing printed on this page will win a copy of Thomas' Party Pop-Up book from Egmont Children's books.

Happy birthday!

To
Cameron Timberley, aged 2,
Nicholas Wragg, aged 3,

Samuel Harris, aged 4,
Scott Chapman, aged 3,

Luca Hardman, aged 3,
James Croall, aged 2,

Alexander Smith, aged 4,
Jonathan Edwards, aged 4,

and belated birthday wishes to:
Richard Kibler, aged 5.

Remember to send your details in 4 months before your birthday to be sure that it is printed on time.

Callum Breslin, aged 3.

Charlie Butler, aged 4.

Joshua Nicholls, aged 3.

Connor Wratten, aged 2.

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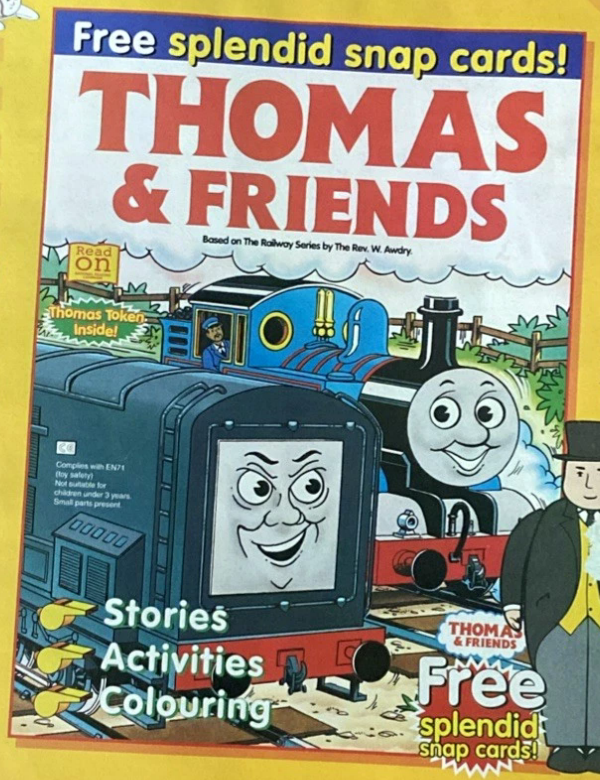

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